

## What Does It Mean to Honor Your Parents?

Category	Text
<b>0 – Command</b>  <i>This just shows how many times God allowed this specific command to be brought up in the Bible.</i>	Ex 20:12 Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.
	Deut 5:16 `Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may be well with you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you.
	Lev 19:3 Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father, and keep My Sabbaths: I [am] the LORD your God. ( <i>yare – yaw-ray – to fear, revere, be afraid</i> )
	Matt 15:4 "For God commanded, saying, `Honor your father and your mother'; and, `He who curses (ESV reviles) father or mother, let him be put to death.'
	Matt 15:6 `then he need not honor his father or mother.' Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition.
	Matt 19:16-19 <sup>16</sup> Now behold, one came and said to Him, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one [is] good but One, [that is], God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments." <sup>18</sup> He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, "'You shall not murder, 'You shall not commit adultery, 'You shall not steal, 'You shall not bear false witness,' <sup>19</sup> `Honor your father and [your] mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"
	Mark 7:10 "For Moses said, `Honor your father and your mother'; and, `He who curses (ESV reviles) father or mother, let him be put to death.'
	Mark 10:17-23 <sup>17</sup> Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup> So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one <i>is</i> good but One, [that is], God. <sup>19</sup> "You know the commandments: `Do not commit adultery, "Do not murder, "Do not steal, "Do not bear false witness, "Do not defraud, "Honor your father and your mother.'" <sup>20</sup> And he answered and said to Him, "Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth." <sup>21</sup> Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me." <sup>22</sup> But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. <sup>23</sup> Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!"
	Luke 18:18-23 <sup>18</sup> Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>19</sup> So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one <i>is</i> good but One, [that is], God. <sup>20</sup> "You know the commandments: `Do not commit adultery, "Do not murder, "Do not steal, "Do not bear false witness, "Honor your father and your mother.'" <sup>21</sup> And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth." <sup>22</sup> So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." <sup>23</sup> But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich.
	Eph 6:1-3 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. <sup>2</sup> "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: <sup>3</sup> "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."
<b>1 – Listen</b>  <i>To hear with the intent of learning and obeying.</i>  <i>[See Proverbs handout.]</i>	Prov 1:8 My son, hear the instruction of your father, And do not forsake the law of your mother;
	Prov 10:1 The Proverbs of Solomon: A wise son makes a glad father, But a foolish son <i>is</i> the grief of his mother.
	Prov 15:20 A wise son makes a father glad, But a foolish man despises his mother.
	Pro 23:22-26 <sup>22</sup> Listen to your father who begot you, And do not despise your mother when she is old. <sup>23</sup> Buy the truth, and do not sell [it], A/so wisdom and instruction and understanding. <sup>24</sup> The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice, And he who begets a wise [child] will delight in him. <sup>25</sup> Let your father and your mother be glad, And let her who bore you rejoice. <sup>26</sup> My son, give me your heart, And let your eyes observe my ways.

<p><b>2 – Obey</b></p> <p><i>Listen to, then obey one's parents promptly and pleasantly.</i></p> <p><i>Obedience is simply doing what you are told.</i></p> <p><i>Since attitude of the heart is important, we need to obey right away (promptly) with a happy spirit (pleasantly).</i></p>	<p>Deut 21:18-21 <sup>18</sup> "If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and <i>who</i>, when they have chastened him, will not heed them, <sup>19</sup> "then his father and his mother shall take hold of him and bring him out to the elders of his city, to the gate of his city. <sup>20</sup> "And they shall say to the elders of his city, 'This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard.' <sup>21</sup> "Then all the men of his city shall stone him to death with stones; so you shall put away the evil from among you, and all Israel shall hear and fear.</p> <p>Deut 27:16 'Cursed <i>is</i> the one who treats his father or his mother with contempt.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen!' (1) <i>to disgrace, dishonour, be lightly esteemed, be dishonoured, be despised</i> 1a) (Niphal) <i>to be dishonoured, be despised, be lightly esteemed</i> 1b) (Hiphil) <i>to treat with contempt, dishonour, treat shamefully</i>)</p> <p>Deut 33:9 Who says of his father and mother, 'I have not seen them'; Nor did he acknowledge his brothers, Or know his own children; For they have observed Your word And kept Your covenant.</p> <p>Prov 30:17 The eye [that] mocks [his] father, And scorns obedience to [his] mother, The ravens of the valley will pick it out, And the young eagles will eat it.</p> <p>Ezek 22:7 In you they have made light of father and mother; in your midst they have oppressed the stranger; in you they have mistreated the fatherless and the widow. (<i>to be slight, be swift, be trifling, be of little account, be light</i>)</p> <p>Micah 7:6 For son dishonors father, Daughter rises against her mother, Daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; A man's enemies [are] the men of his own household.</p> <p>Eph 6:1-3 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. <sup>2</sup> "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: <sup>3</sup> "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."</p> <p>Col 3:20 Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord.</p>
<p><b>2 – Examples of Obedience</b></p> <p><i>Jacob vs Esau</i></p>	<p>Gen 28:5-9 <sup>5</sup> So Isaac sent Jacob away, and he went to Padan Aram, to Laban the son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, the mother of Jacob and Esau. <sup>6</sup> Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him away to Padan Aram to take himself a wife from there, and that as he blessed him he gave him a charge, saying, "You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan," <sup>7</sup> and that Jacob had obeyed his father and his mother and had gone to Padan Aram. <sup>8</sup> Also Esau saw that the daughters of Canaan did not please his father Isaac. <sup>9</sup> So Esau went to Ishmael and took Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael, Abraham's son, the sister of Nebajoth, to be his wife in addition to the wives he had.</p>
<p><b>2 – Example of Obedience</b></p> <p><i>Jesus</i></p>	<p>Luk 2:51 Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart.</p>
<p><b>3 – Treat with Kindness &amp; Respect</b></p> <p><i>This includes both physical &amp; verbal kindness. The Bible presents it in both positive and negative terms.</i></p>	<p>Ex 21:15 And he who strikes his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.</p> <p>Ex 21:17 And he who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.</p> <p>Lev 20:9 For everyone who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death. He has cursed his father or his mother. His blood shall be upon him.</p> <p>Prov 19:26 He who mistreats his father and chases away his mother Is a son who causes shame and brings reproach.</p> <p>Prov 20:20 Whoever curses his father or his mother, His lamp will be put out in deep darkness.</p> <p>Prov 28:24 Whoever robs his father or his mother, And says, "It is no transgression," The same is companion to a destroyer.</p> <p>Prov 30:11 There is a generation that curses its father, And does not bless its mother.</p>

<p><b>4 – Moral Respect</b></p> <p><i><b>This is emphasized in the OT Law.</b></i></p>	<p>Lev 18:7 The nakedness of your father or the nakedness of your mother you shall not uncover. She is your mother; you shall not uncover her nakedness.</p> <p>Lev 18:9 The nakedness of your sister, the daughter of your father, or the daughter of your mother, whether born at home or elsewhere, their nakedness you shall not uncover.</p> <p>Lev 20:11 The man who lies with his father's wife has uncovered his father's nakedness; both of them shall surely be put to death. Their blood shall be upon them. (guilty of death because of dishonoring father over committing adultery, because the command is before that in the 10 Com)</p> <p>Lev 21:9 The daughter of any priest, if she profanes herself by playing the harlot, she profanes her father. She shall be burned with fire.</p> <p>Deut 27:22 `Cursed is the one who lies with his sister, the daughter of his father or the daughter of his mother.' And all the people shall say, `Amen!'</p>
<p><b>5 – Care for Them in Old Age</b></p> <p><i><b>This is one that is largely ignored today. This is a very good principle to bring out in all classes.</b></i></p> <p><i><b>This involves time, effort, sacrifice, planning, and money.</b></i></p>	<p>1 Tim 5:4 But if any widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show piety at home and to repay their parents; for this is good and acceptable before God. (ESV) But if a widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show godliness to their own household and to make some return to their parents, for this is pleasing in the sight of God.</p> <p>Mark 7:5-13 <sup>5</sup> Then the Pharisees and scribes asked Him, "Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands?" <sup>6</sup> He answered and said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: `This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. <sup>7</sup> And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.' <sup>8</sup> "For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men-- the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do." <sup>9</sup> He said to them, "All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition. <sup>10</sup> "For Moses said, `Honor your father and your mother'; and, `He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.' <sup>11</sup> "But you say, `If a man says to his father or mother, "Whatever profit you might have received from me is Corban"-- (that is, a gift to God), <sup>12</sup> "then you no longer let him do anything for his father or his mother, <sup>13</sup> "making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do."</p> <p>Mat 15:1-9 Then the scribes and Pharisees who were from Jerusalem came to Jesus, saying, <sup>2</sup> "Why do Your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread." <sup>3</sup> He answered and said to them, "Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition? <sup>4</sup> "For God commanded, saying, `Honor your father and your mother'; and, `He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.' <sup>5</sup> "But you say, `Whoever says to his father or mother, "Whatever profit you might have received from me is a gift to God"-- <sup>6</sup> then he need not honor his father or mother.' Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition. <sup>7</sup> "Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: <sup>8</sup> `These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. <sup>9</sup> And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'"</p> <p>1 Tim 5:4, 8 <sup>4</sup>But if any widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show piety at home and to repay their parents; for this is good and acceptable before God. ... <sup>8</sup> But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.</p>
<p><b>5 – Care in Old Age – Example</b></p> <p><i><b>David</b></i></p>	<p>1 Sam 22:3 Then David went from there to Mizpah of Moab; and he said to the king of Moab, "Please let my father and mother come here with you, till I know what God will do for me."</p>

<b>6 – Honor Them in Death</b>  <i>An OT idea here. They had no funeral homes. Children were expected to prepare and bury their parents after death (not a younger class topic).</i>	Lev 21:1-3 And the LORD said to Moses, "Speak to the priests, the sons of Aaron, and say to them: `None shall defile himself for the dead among his people, <sup>2</sup> `except for his relatives who are nearest to him: his mother, his father, his son, his daughter, and his brother; <sup>3</sup> `also his virgin sister who is near to him, who has had no husband, for her he may defile himself.
	Lev 21:10-11 <sup>10</sup> `He who is the high priest among his brethren, on whose head the anointing oil was poured and who is consecrated to wear the garments, shall not uncover his head nor tear his clothes; <sup>11</sup> `nor shall he go near any dead body, nor defile himself for his father or his mother;
	Num 6:7 He shall not make himself unclean even for his father or his mother, for his brother or his sister, when they die, because his separation to God is on his head. (Nazirite vow)
	Ezek 44:25 "They shall not defile themselves by coming near a dead person. Only for father or mother, for son or daughter, for brother or unmarried sister may they defile themselves.
<b>Extra Information</b>	
Parental Failure	1 Kings 1:6 (And his father had not rebuked him at any time by saying, "Why have you done so?" He was also very good-looking. His mother had borne him after Absalom.)
Parental Responsibility	Zech 13:3 "It shall come to pass that if anyone still prophesies, then his father and mother who begot him will say to him, `You shall not live, because you have spoken lies in the name of the LORD.' And his father and mother who begot him shall thrust him through when he prophesies.
	2 Cor 12:14 Now for the third time I am ready to come to you. And I will not be burdensome to you; for I do not seek yours, but you. For the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children.
	Heb 11:23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's command.
	Deut 22:13-19 <sup>13</sup> "If any man takes a wife, and goes in to her, and detests her, <sup>14</sup> "and charges her with shameful conduct, and brings a bad name on her, and says, `I took this woman, and when I came to her I found she was not a virgin,' <sup>15</sup> "then the father and mother of the young woman shall take and bring out the evidence of the young woman's virginity to the elders of the city at the gate. <sup>16</sup> "And the young woman's father shall say to the elders, `I gave my daughter to this man as wife, and he detests her. <sup>17</sup> `Now he has charged her with shameful conduct, saying, "I found your daughter was not a virgin," and yet these are the evidences of my daughter's virginity.' And they shall spread the cloth before the elders of the city. <sup>18</sup> "Then the elders of that city shall take that man and punish him; <sup>19</sup> "and they shall fine him one hundred shekels of silver and give them to the father of the young woman, because he has brought a bad name on a virgin of Israel. And she shall be his wife; he cannot divorce her all his days.
	Mark 5:40 And they ridiculed Him. But when He had put them all outside, He took the father and the mother of the child, and those who were with Him, and entered where the child was lying.
<b>Last Days → Disobedience to Parents</b>  <i>(Seems to indicate more than just when children are young and in the home.)</i>	Rom 1:30 backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,
	2 Tim 3:2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

Lev 19:32 'You shall rise before the gray headed and honor the presence of an old man, and fear your God: I [am] the LORD.'